

ANNUAL REPORT
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

31 December 1947

Because of the peculiar conditions existing in this Department since the close of World War II, it is deemed necessary to cover in this report a brief relation of the activities in this Department from 1 May 1946, at which time the undersigned assumed the duties of The Adjutant General, to 31 December 1947.

The allocation of National Guard troops to the State of New Mexico by the War Department (National Guard Bureau) was accepted in April 1946 by the Governor of New Mexico. The acceptance of this allocation, in a strength of 4028 officers and men, was made contingent upon (a) the adoption of Universal Military Training, and (b) Federal assistance in an armory construction program. National Guard prewar strength in this State approximated 1500 officers and men.

The New Mexico State Guard, which had been active throughout the war years, was inactivated 30 June 1946. All property accounts have been closed and a final settlement negotiated with the Federal government, without cost to the individuals in the State Guard or to the State. Few states have to date reached a final settlement in these matters.

After exhaustive study it was decided to allot National Guard units to communities in the State as follows:

<u>Allocation of Units</u>	<u>City</u>
Hq, New Mexico National Guard	Santa Fe
Hq Det, New Mexico National Guard	Santa Fe
Hq, 111th AAA Brigade	Santa Fe
Hq Btry, 111th AAA Brigade	Albuquerque
Hq, 200th AAA Group	Roswell
Hq Btry, 200th AAA Group	Las Cruces
Hq, 515th AAA Group	Roswell
Hq Btry, 515th AAA Group	Santa Fe
Hq, 697th AAA AW Bn	Roswell
Hq Btry, 697th AAA AW Bn	Carlsbad
Btry A, 697th AAA AW Bn	Roswell
Btry B, 697th AAA AW Bn	Carlsbad
Btry C, 697th AAA AW Bn	Artesia
Btry D, 697th AAA AW Bn	Hobbs
Med Det, 697th AAA AW Bn	Carlsbad

Allocation of UnitsCity

Hq, 716th AAA Gun Bn	Deming
Hq Btry, 716th AAA Gun Bn	Deming
Btry A, 716th AAA Gun Bn	Las Cruces
Btry B, 716th AAA Gun Bn	Silver City
Btry C, 716th AAA Gun Bn	Lordsburg
Btry D, 716th AAA Gun Bn	Hot Springs
Med Det, 716th AAA Gun Bn	Deming
Hq, 717th AAA Gun Bn	Albuquerque
Hq Btry, 717th AAA Gun Bn	Albuquerque
Btry A, 717th AAA Gun Bn	Farmington
Btry B, 717th AAA Gun Bn	Taos
Btry C, 717th AAA Gun Bn	Socorro
Btry D, 717th AAA Gun Bn	Gallup
Med Det, 717th AAA Gun Bn	Albuquerque
Hq, 726th AAA Gun Bn	Albuquerque
Hq Btry, 726th AAA Gun Bn	Albuquerque
Btry A, 726th AAA Gun Bn	Albuquerque
Btry B, 726th AAA Gun Bn	Las Vegas
Btry C, 726th AAA Gun Bn	Santa Fe
Med Det, 726th AAA Gun Bn	Albuquerque
Hq, 804th AAA AW Bn	Tucumcari
Hq Btry, 804th AAA AW Bn	Tucumcari
Btry A, 804th AAA AW Bn	Portales
Btry B, 804th AAA AW Bn	Raton
Btry C, 804th AAA AW Bn	Clovis
Btry D, 804th AAA AW Bn	Clayton
Med Det, 804th AAA AW Bn	Tucumcari
181st AAA Operations Det	Albuquerque
394th Sig Radar Mtnce Unit	Albuquerque
3630th Ord Mtnce Co, AA	Roswell
3631st Ord Mtnce Co, AA	Albuquerque
3663d Ord Med Mtnce Co	Belen
720th Transportation Truck Co.	Albuquerque
44th Army Band	Albuquerque
188th Fighter Sq, SE	Albuquerque
Utility Flight, 188th Fighter Sq	Albuquerque
Det. C, 228th Air Service Group	Albuquerque
188th Weather Station	Albuquerque

These allocations provide what is believed to be the best grouping.

Because of conditions existing at Washington, it was not possible to proceed with the organization of units of the New Mexico National Guard until March 1947. Until that time, a great deal of preliminary work had been done by this Department. This "plowing of the ground" made it possible for us, later on, to organize rapidly once we were given a go-ahead signal by the National Guard Bureau.

On 19 March 1947 State Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, New Mexico National Guard, and Headquarters, 111th AAA Brigade were inspected for Federal Recognition at Santa Fe.

Effective 1 April 1947 the office of the United States Property and Disbursing Officer was moved from Santa Fe to Albuquerque, occupying facilities at Kirtland Field secured by this Department on a revocable permit from the War Department.

Effective 1 April 1947 the offices of The Adjutant General's Department were moved from the Public Welfare Building to facilities at Bruns Hospital secured by this Department on a revocable permit from the War Department.

Organizational activities for the first half of the calendar year were completed as follows:

<u>City</u>	<u>Unit Organized</u>	<u>Date Inspected for Federal Recognition</u>
Santa Fe	State Headquarters, NMNG	19 March 1947
Santa Fe	Hq Det, NMNG	19 March 1947
Santa Fe	Hq, 111th AAA Brigade	19 March 1947
Albuquerque	Hq Btry, 111th AAA Brigade	23 June 1947
Albuquerque	181st AAA Operations Det	23 June 1947
Silver City	Btry B, 716th AAA Gun Bn	24 June 1947
Raton	Btry B, 804th AAA AW Bn	25 June 1947
Albuquerque	Hq, 726th AAA Gun Bn	23 June 1947
Las Vegas	Btry B, 726th AAA Gun Bn	26 June 1947
Santa Fe	Hq Btry, 515th AAA Group	23 June 1947
Albuquerque	Hq, 717th AAA Gun Bn	23 June 1947
Gallup	Btry D, 717th AAA Gun Bn	24 June 1947
Carlsbad	Hq Btry, 697th AAA AW Bn	27 June 1947
Hobbs	Btry D, 697th AAA AW Bn	28 June 1947
Albuquerque	3631st Ord Mtnc Co, AA	23 June 1947
Albuquerque	44th Army Band	23 June 1947

Troop strength on 30 June 1947 was:

Officers and Warrant Officers - - 38

Enlisted Personnel - - - - - -153

Total 191

Organizational activities during the last half of the calendar year were as follows:

<u>City</u>	<u>Unit Organized</u>	<u>Date Inspected for Federal Recognition</u>
Albuquerque	188th Fighter Squadron	7 July 1947
Albuquerque	Utility Flight, 188th Ftr Sq	7 July 1947
Albuquerque	Det C, 228th Air Service Group	7 July 1947
Albuquerque	188th Weather Station	7 July 1947
Roswell	Hq, 200th AAA Group	25 September 1947
Las Cruces	Hq Btry, 200th AAA Group	10 October 1947
Deming	Hq, 716th AAA Gun Bn	27 September 1947
Deming	Hq Btry, 716th AAA Gun Bn	27 September 1947
Las Cruces	Btry A, 716th AAA Gun Bn	26 September 1947
Lordsburg	Btry C, 716th AAA Gun Bn	4 November 1947
Hot Springs	Btry D, 716th AAA Gun Bn	9 November 1947
Tucumcari	Hq, 804th AAA AW Bn	3 October 1947
Tucumcari	Hq Btry, 804th AAA AW Bn	3 October 1947
Portales	Btry A, 804th AAA AW Bn	5 October 1947
Clovis	Btry C, 804th AAA AW Bn	4 October 1947
Clayton	Btry D, 804th AAA AW Bn	8 November 1947
Albuquerque	Hq Btry, 726th AAA Gun Bn	29 September 1947
Albuquerque	Btry A, 726th AAA Gun Bn	29 September 1947
Santa Fe	Btry C, 726th AAA Gun Bn	7 November 1947
Roswell	Hq, 515th AAA Group	25 September 1947
Albuquerque	Hq Btry, 717th AAA Gun Bn	30 September 1947
Farmington	Btry A, 717th AAA Gun Bn	6 November 1947
Taos	Btry B, 717th AAA Gun Bn	1 October 1947
Socorro	Btry C, 717th AAA Gun Bn	28 September 1947
Roswell	Hq, 697th AAA AW Bn	2 November 1947
Roswell	Btry A, 697th AAA AW Bn	25 September 1947
Carlsbad	Btry B, 697th AAA AW Bn	13 October 1947
Artesia	Btry C, 697th AAA AW Bn	2 November 1947
Albuquerque	394th Signal Radar Mtnce Unit	9 October 1947
Roswell	3630th Ord Mtnce Co, AA	5 October 1947
Belen	3663d Ord Medium Mtnce Co.	5 November 1947
Albuquerque	720th Transportation Truck Co.	30 September 1947

Troop strength as of 31 December 1947:

Officers and Warrant Officers - - - - 165

Enlisted Personnel - - - - - -1,081

Total 1,246

It should be noted here that New Mexico placed sixth in the nationwide recruiting campaign, "Operation 88,888", conducted by the National Guard Bureau, 16 September - 16 November 1947. During that period we increased the strength of the New Mexico National Guard 823. This figure is 155% of the quota assigned the State for "Operation 88,888".

The need now is for adequate housing for National Guard units in the State. No armory facilities are available at Clayton, Portales, Artesia, Hobbs, Lordsburg, Belen, Farmington, Carlsbad or Hot Springs. Units organized in these communities are presently housed in whatever makeshift facilities could be leased or rented.

Existing armories at Las Cruces, Roswell, Las Vegas and Albuquerque are not adequate for the units allocated thereto. At Las Vegas and Albuquerque the situation has been solved temporarily by housing units in State-owned or State leased war-time facilities.

A realistic approach to this problem must be made by the next legislature. There is a possibility that Federal aid may be made available. This Department will prepare a suggested program for consideration by the next legislature.

There follows a statement of the receipts and disbursements of this Department for the calendar year 1947.

CONTINGENT FUND - Appropriation for 35th Fiscal Year - - - - \$32,060.00

Expenditures January 1 to June 30, 1947

<u>Contingent</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
Freight, Express & Drayage	\$ 600.00	\$ 258.73
Entertainment of Guests	300.00	280.17
Travel & Per Diem	2,000.00	1,427.18
Auto Expense	2,500.00	3,850.47
General Office Supplies	750.00	961.32
Postage	700.00	567.50
Telephone & Telegraph	900.00	550.81
Printing & Publication	300.00	398.35
Insurance, Premiums & Bonds	5,500.00	3,889.24
Custodian Expense	1,160.00	413.35
Field Allowance	600.00	300.00
Injured National Guardsmen	1,750.00	596.47
Audit	1,000.00	
Armory Repair & Upkeep	12,000.00	6,825.10
Miscellaneous	2,000.00	1,826.32

Total expenditures January 1, to June 30, 1947: \$ 22,145.01

CONTINGENT FUND - Appropriation for 36th Fiscal year

\$76,880.00

Expenditures July 1 to December 31, 1947

<u>Contingent</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Freight, Express & Transp.	\$ 500.00	\$ 4.11	\$ 495.89
Entertainment of Guests	500.00	310.35	189.65
Military Equip. & Supplies	500.00	176.39	323.61
Exam. of Recruits	5,000.00	1,983.00	3,017.00
Travel & Per Diem	3,000.00	2,280.06	719.94
Autos, Purchase & Exp.	3,500.00	1,014.04	2,485.96
Gen. Office Supplies	1,000.00	138.87	861.13
Postage, Tel & Tel	1,600.00	1,176.13	423.87
Gas, Oil & Repairs	3,500.00	358.65	3,141.35
Printing & Publication	500.00	14.25	485.75
Insurance & Filing Fees	500.00	32.97	467.03
Field Allowance	1,000.00	499.98	500.02
Public Relations	500.00	154.00	346.00
Injured Natl. Guardsmen	2,000.00	618.27	1,381.73
Miscellaneous	750.00	246.06	503.94

Armory Repair & Upkeep

Caretakers Allowance	10,000.00	4,078.79	5,921.21
Fuel	2,500.00	397.54	2,102.46
Tel, Lights & Water	4,000.00	813.84	3,186.16
Rent & Taxes	6,000.00	322.50	5,677.50
Repair, Armories, Gunsheds, etc.	10,000.00	4,353.80	5,646.20
Travel & Per Diem	1,000.00	364.90	635.10
Gas, Oil, etc.	2,500.00	1,138.54	1,361.46
Insurance, Premiums & Bonds	5,500.00	1,021.20	4,478.80
Office Equipment	750.00	69.98	680.02
Supplies & Services	500.00	280.68	219.32
Miscellaneous	500.00	208.58	291.42

<u>Pay and Allowance</u>	7,000.00		7,000.00
<u>Camps of Instruction</u>	750.00		750.00
<u>National Matches</u>	1,530.00		1,530.00

TOTALS	\$76,880.00	\$22,057.48	\$54,822.52
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Total Expenditures December 31, 1947 - - - - - \$22,057.48